

Additional responses to recent policy changes:

To Whom It May Concern,

I'd like to respond to the "Extended Trips" policies to answer any questions that might occur.

For #1a: From my knowledge, in communication with Gateway Music Travels, all costs included in the trip are itemized out and listed. There are not any hidden items to increase the cost per student. The only way the cost will change is if less than 72 students signed up, the overall cost of the motorcoach is split between the number of travelers. Or if there is a huge gas surcharge at the end of summer to add to the cost of the tour. This will all be presented to those registered at the end of the summer 2025.

#2a: Students will be provided multiple fundraising opportunities through the band boosters, all to help with the individual cost of the tour. Students are not required to go on tour to be a part of the marching band. They can still participate in the group, and not travel. But if they chose to go on tour, and have financial hardships, these many fundraisers can help them earn the full cost.

#2b: Many hotels/lodging accommodations for researched for this tour, and both of our housing is 6 students per room. This is the best economical choice.

#2c: The chaperones will pay the same cost as the students and be counted in the final total of 72 for the estimated costs. They will also be parents who volunteer for the trip.

Emily Chandler

Hastings High School Bands 651-480-7542

Hastings Middle School Bands 651-480-7156

Hastings High School Marching Band Director

Hastings High School Softball Coach